

W. J. MORRISON



I received my education in the public schools of Watertown, N. Y. After leaving school, my first position was that of keeping books in the office of Dr. E. A. E. Meyer. Through the influence of Judge Emerson, at that time judge of Supreme court of Jefferson county, and a personal friend, I entered the 5 and 10c business with F. W. Woolworth Co., starting in Syracuse, N. Y., and remained with this firm for about twelve years, two years in training and ten years as manager.

I resigned my position with the Woolworth Co. to accept a position with the United 5 and 10c, which was a big mistake on my part. I stayed with the United two years and four months. After resigning from them, I connected with the J. S. Bailey Co., but this firm was so small and no outlook for future, I only stayed with them about two months, after which I wrote to Mr. McFayden and received a very satisfactory reply and I connected with the Springfield store 25 and 50c, and was in this store until it closed, after which I went with Mr. Raikes in store No. 26 and stayed there until I took over the contract for Waltham No. 44, at which store I am now located and I feel more than pleased with my treatment received from all the officials in the Detroit office and hope to remain with the S. S. Kresge Co. for some years to come.

GEORGE MILTON HAYES



1886—Born in Belleville, N. Y., Jefferson County, of Scotch and Irish parentage.

1892—Moved to Carthage, N. Y. Attended village school.

1896—Worked in paper mill during vacation, worked before and after school, printing office, took care of five horses. This gave me a little spending money and helped to buy my clothes.

1898—Left high school, went to work in dry goods store at \$5.00 per week. Proprietor let me off one afternoon, played foot ball, broke left shoulder, lost job, later worked in 5 and 10c store and grocery store finally going back to dry goods store.

1904—Father died, mother having died when I was two years old—decided to go to Albany Business College, graduated in little over five months in stenographic course, went to work in cotton and wool business in Worcester, Mass., worked as stenographer—shipping clerk and later as salesman.

1907—Came with S. S. Kresge Co., started in old No. 6, Cleveland, O., stayed there five months as stockman and floorman.

1908—Went to St. Louis, helped open the store which at that time was largest of its kind in the world; worked there as floorman and later as assistant—in all a little over 5 months.

Was then transferred to our Indianapolis store where I worked as assistant for seven months.

1909—Was given the Baltimore store to manage. Six months later closed up the old store, moved to location which we still have, was then 23 years old and the proposition was a pretty big one for a kid as I look at it now. At that time, though, I didn't think there was any man living could handle it any better than I.

1914—Transferred to Providence store where, with exception of four months in 1917 spent as manager of Plainfield, N. J., store, have been ever since.